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JACKSONVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS FOR COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that on Friday December 3, 2010, Ying Lin (age 34, of Jacksonville) was arrested pursuant to a criminal complaint charging him with harboring illegal aliens for commercial advantage or private financial gain. If convicted, Lin faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison. During a detention hearing earlier today before United States Magistrate Judge Thomas E. Morris, Lin was ordered detained without bond. A status hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at 2:30pm.

The complaint alleges that Lin, also known as Johnny Lin, was the manager of a Jacksonville restaurant called Sushi Café on Riverside Avenue. The complaint further alleges that from April 2009 to December 2010, Lin paid the rent and utilities for at least 2 apartments where 4 illegal alien employees of Sushi Café were found to be residing on December 3, 2010. The complaint alleges that the illegal alien employees did not fill out required employment authorization forms or present any papers to Lin or the Sushi Café when hired to work at the restaurant.

This case was investigated by Jacksonville Homeland Security Investigations office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dale R. Campion.

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.